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CORRELATED TO OSTEOPOROSIS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 6-23.

Please add new claims 24-29 as set forth below.

24 (new). A kit comprising:

- a) at least two PCR primers specific for a region of intron 5 of a human TGF- β 1
comprising SEQ ID NO:1;
b) a reference means to enable determination of a genotype of said intron 5; and